
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**October 23, 2007
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

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| Abrishami, Lori | Metro |
| Poe, Lisa | SANBAG |
| Williams, Leann | Caltrans |

SCAG Staff

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| Acebo, Mervin | |
| Asuncion, John | |
| Ayala, Rosemary | |
| Del Rosario, Sheryll | |
| Mann, Betty | |
| Nadler, Jonathan | |
| Sherwood, Arnie | SCAG, ITS UC Berkeley |

Via Teleconference:

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| Brady, Mike | Caltrans |
| Burn, Dana | Kimley-Horn & Associates |
| Cassmassi, Joe | SCAQMD |
| Chen, Paul | Caltrans |
| Dresham, Danielle | Kimley-Horn & Associates |
| Fagan, Paul | Caltrans |
| Gomez, Carol | SCAQMD |
| Higgins, Katherine | SCAQMD |
| Lay, Keith | LSA & Associates |
| Luca, Tony | Caltrans |
| Mazur, Jean | FHWA |
| Masuda, Mark | Kimley-Horn & Associates |
| Sells, Eyvonne | SCAQMD |
| Valencia, Jason | Kimley-Horn & Associates |

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Lori Abrishami, Metro, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

3.1 TCWG August 25, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Correction was made that Eyvonne Sells does not work for CARB but for the AQMD. It was noted that there were a couple of items where projects were referred to as SHOP. Technically it is State Highway Operations and Preservation Program, the acronym should read SHOPP. Delete Andrew Ewing participating via teleconference.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 RTP Update

Philip Law, SCAG, stated that the final RTP Workshop was scheduled for October 25 at OCTA. This wrap-up session will review all the recommendations from the previous workshops and also focus on financial constraint and revenue sources. At the end of the workshop, staff hopes to have consensus on the RTP, which is expected to be brought forward to the Transportation & Communications Committee on November 1 for consideration to release the document for a 45-day public review and comment period.

A project list of every project in the RTP, including the unconstrained and those in the Strategic Plan, will be available upon release of the RTP and

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posted on SCAG's website. The RTP Financial Plan and Conformity Analysis will also be released subsequent to the release of the RTP. Staff clarified for the TCWG that SCAG does not do a conformity analysis on the Strategic Plan. As Strategic Plan is not part of the financially constrained RTP, it was also reiterated that the Land Use Growth and Assumptions information is available on SCAG's website.

4.2 RTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, stated that staff would be submitting Amendment No. 10 to Caltrans today. SCAG anticipates federal approval to take place in December.

The 2008 RTIP Guidelines are currently being published. The Guidelines include the modeling scenarios that were discussed last month at the meeting of the TCWG.

RTIP staff will start analyzing and reviewing projects for the next RTIP Amendment which is due to SCAG at the end of the week. Tomorrow the California Transportation Commission is scheduled to adopt the 2008 STIP Fund Estimate.

4.3 AQMP Update

Joe Cassmassi, SCAQMD, stated that on September 27th ARB adopted its Statewide Plan, as well as the SCAQMD for inclusion as part of the SIP. One of the major issues was the 74 ton gap in oxides of nitrogen reductions necessary to meet the 2015 PM_{2.5} attainment date.

SCAG, in concert with ARB and SCAQMD, were able to identify additional reduction strategies to demonstrate attainment of the PM_{2.5} standard by 2015. These measures are assumed to reduce a total of 76 tons per day of NO_x reductions by 2014.

The SCAQMD has also been working with the ARB to provide them with the air quality modeling to support the ozone attainment demonstrations for both Ventura and Western Mojave. As part of the 2007 AQMP, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District is requesting a reclassification (bump-

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up) from a moderate non-attainment area to a serious nonattainment area, which means that Ventura County must attain the standard by June 15, 2013. The Ventura analysis is close to completion. There is still a question as to whether Ventura will bump-up to a 2013 attainment time frame, as opposed to ozone attainment for the extension to 2019. There is also discussion as to whether the ozone attainment date for the Western Mojave non-attainment area should be extended to 2019. Attainment demonstrations should be available in the next few weeks.

4.4 Review of Qualitative PM Hot Spot Analysis Review

1) LAE0465 - I-5 HOV and Truck Lanes Study

It was concluded that the TCWG needs to discuss the item further in a sub-group meeting in the next couple of weeks and come to some conclusion prior to the next meeting of the TCWG.

Lori Abrishami, Metro, stated that according to the RTIP and Metro's records this item was actually a *study* and not a *project*. Ms. Abrishami requested that throughout the report to replace the word *project* with *study*. LAE0465 is included in the 2006 RTIP (Amendment No. 9) with funding to conduct a study only.

The TCWG requested there be an off-line discussion regarding this project.

2) RIV060120 – Riverside County-Interstate 215

There were comments/questions regarding the land use description and whether the project would adversely impact sensitive receptors. The TCWG requested a more elaborate description of the surrounding land uses, specifically, highlighting whether the project would provide additional services to trucks and lead to a higher concentration of traffic in the area.

The TCWG requested there be an off-line discussion regarding this project.

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3) LA000357 and LA 000358 - Construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes from the I-5 from I-134 to I-118

FHWA request more time to review the project. Once any necessary changes are made by Caltrans a decision will be made on the project and brought back to report at the next meeting of the TCWG.

The TCWG requested there be an off-line discussion regarding this project.

4.5 Projects Requiring Follow-Up

ORA120316 - Crown Valley Parkway PM Hot Spot Analysis Form:

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

5.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

No new items to report.

6.0 INFORMATION SHARING

The final RTP workshop will be held on October 25th, 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., at OCTA.

The Statewide Conformity Working Group meeting will be held in Sacramento on November 14th, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. There will be teleconferencing available at the SCAG office and the FHWA District 12 office in Irvine.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Lori Abrishami adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.